Once Saved, Always Saved? (Part II)

> **Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:**
> **Revelation 3:17 (KJV)**

Does this verse remind us of someone? None other than Mystery (religion) Babylon and her Laodicean daughters!

> **How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.**
> **Revelation 18:7 (KJV)**

These verses are the heart of Christ's accusation against this present Laodicean church. The accusation addresses spiritual bankruptcy, a people who 'name and claim' all of God's promises, but do not qualify for any of them. They believe they need nothing, be it spiritual gift or forgiveness. Far from wearing their robes and keeping them washed in the blood of the lamb, they have been stripped naked! Remember, the first thing the Father did for the prodigal son when he repented was put a new clean robe on him. This church is blinded, and will not see the truth. They are the victims of a Satanic delusion.

> **So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.**
> **Revelation 3:16 (KJV)**

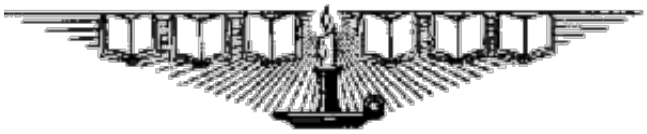
They think they are saved, but God will spew them from His mouth. Does that sound like heaven to you? Later in verse 20 Christ tells this church "Behold, I stand at the door and knock". Dear reader, if Christ is outside trying to get in our hearts, He cannot be in us! This letter is not addressed to unbelievers, but to a backslidden church.

> **I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.**
> **Revelation 3:18 (KJV)**

The good news is that it is not too late for this church, but its people must change their course. He is standing there patiently knocking. Do yourself a favor, open the door, and let Him in. We must boldly come to the throne of Grace for forgiveness as often as we sin. If we do not, we are in peril of eventually becoming so reprobate like the Laodiceans that we lose our salvation and Christ is outside knocking again.

> **But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.**

1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV)

Paul admits that no one is guaranteed their salvation, even among the greatest of God's servants! But all it takes is one act of confession and a contrite heart to instantaneously and completely put us back in good standing with Him. Repent now while there is still time. We don't know how far we can fall into unrepentance before we are rejected, do we really want to find out? We must keep a very short account and confess as often as we sin that we may obtain the mercy of forgiveness that He paid so dearly for.

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